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CENTRAL AMERICA

San Jose Area Office

Plant Health Programs



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Central America Plant Health Programs Strategic issues

- ✓ Safeguarding US and Regional Plant Resources
 - Pest Detection
 - Central America Pest Survey (CAPS CA)
 - National CAPS member
 - Safeguarding Review Recommendations and Implementation
 - Work with IS field on pests of concern
 - Conducting offshore eradication programs
 - Perimeter approach
 - Mitigating pest offshore
 - Offshore intelligence gathering
 - Risk communication



Central America Plant Health

Programs

Strategic issues

✓ Offshore Pest Information System (OPIS)

- Training and Reporting ongoing
 - Fruit fly programs
 - Preclearance programs: Mango
 - APHIS Supervised programs: Papaya, Melons, Pineapples, Ornamental Plants
 - Animal Health Programs CRC, NIC, HON, PAN
 - Expert surveys
 - Snails
 - Soybean rust
 - Citrus diseases
 - Ministry Programs

✓ Reducing Specific Pest Risk

- EAN Database management
 - APHIS developed local database
 - Reports to Ministries and Industry for all interceptions with feedback on actions
- Improving Ministry Programs
- Gathering pest information
- Technical exchange
- Communicating Risk-OPIS



Central America Plant Health Programs Strategic issues

- ✓ Clean Stock Program (Dracaena)
 - Developed in conjunction with the PPQ Miami, Ministry of Agriculture, Catie Research Institute, Purdue University
 - Goal is to reduce in at least 90% of pest interceptions in Ornamental Plants
 - CSP Operational with results
 - Model Program

- ✓ Resolving trade barriers
 - Negotiation on import regulations on US agricultural products
 - Rice, Corn, Potatoes
 - Signing agreements with countries to reduce barriers to trade
 - Seed potatoes (Panama)
 - Wood import requirements (Costa Rica)



Cooperative Agricultural Pest Survey-Central America (CAPS CA)

Based on skills and objectives developed in US program over last 5 years

- Focuses on existing infrastructure and Cooperative Programs
 - Fruitfly
 - Animal Health
 - Preclearance
 - Focused Surveys
 - Ministry Surveillance Activities
- Core Project Elements
 - Data management
 - Pest & Pathway Risk Analysis
 - Pest list development
 - Public Outreach Education
 - Devoted personnel (APHIS/Ministry)
 - Existing surveys and US or other experts

CAPS CA

✓ Country specific infrastructure

- Honduras
 - PL480 Pest Detection Program
 - Fruitfly Structure
 - Mango Preclearance
 - Industry and Researchers
 - OPIS Operational
- Nicaragua
 - PL480 Pest Detection Program
 - Fruitfly Structure
 - Possible free area
 - Mango Preclearance
 - Citrus Protection Plan with Costa Rica
 - OPIS Operational





CAPS CA

– Costa Rica

- Well Developed Plant Health Structure
- Fruitfly Programs
- Mango Preclearance
- Commodity Certifications
- Mature Detection Program
- Database Project to combine all of Plant, Animal and Extension Department Information
- OPIS Operational

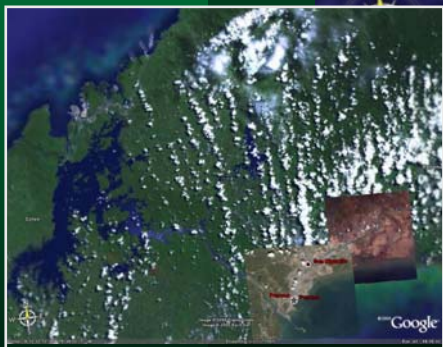




CAPS CA

▼ PANAMA HOTZONE

- Panama Canal Sentinel Area
 - List of 20 insects
 - CPHST Support to improve methods
 - Focus on Forest pests, Thrips, snails & Citrus diseases
- Fruit fly Programs





Caribbean Basin Plan

- Caribbean Basin Invasive Species Working Group member
- Key meeting in October 05
 - Participants: IFAS, APHIS, PPQ, IS, CPHST, FAO, CARICOM, French and others
- Goals of coordination, research development, evaluation, survey, control, quarantine, and reporting on pests of regional concern





Caribbean Basin Plan

- ✓ Build in phases, good progress on program budget and possible pilot implementation
 - Phase I Caribbean Islands (six to seventh countries)
 - Phase II Central America (Costa Rica)
 - Phase III Northern South America
- ✓ Use CAPS as a model
 - Caribbean Agricultural Pest Survey
CAPS!!
 - Core Project
 - One person in each country that wakes up thinking about pest detection & core functions
 - Position Description for safeguarding officer
 - Link to existing programs in US and CA through a new reporting tool





Caribbean Basin Plan

- ✓ 5-year pilot with different phases after which countries assume responsibility
- ✓ 5 million program- World Bank, AID, FAO, multiple sources?
- ✓ The best chance yet of Safeguarding Action Plan delivery on the perimeter



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2006/07 Goals & Objectives Summary

- Safeguarding US and Regional Plant Health resources
- Support of Moscamed and Fruitfly issues in Central America
- Identify new areas to reduce trade barriers for international commerce



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2006/07 Goals & Objectives Summary

- Integrate Animal Health Monitoring System with CAPS CA and OPIS
- Improved relations with Ministries in Central America
- APHIS IS Area Office that is pest focused and OPIS operational



CAPSFRICA

Africa under the CAPS umbrella

